



**Saint Thomas  
Diocese**

# Holy Family Catholic Church

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**Holy Family  
Church**

**Love Your Enemies..  
no limits  
no conditions**

## Mass Schedule

Monday through Friday.....7:00 a.m.  
Saturday (**Vigil**).....6:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 7:30 a.m & 10:00 a.m. English  
5:00 p.m. Creole/French

## Devotions

### Holy Hour

Wednesday following Holy Mass

### Novena Holy Mass to O.L.P.H.

Wednesday..... 7:00 a.m.

### Novena Holy Mass to Sacred Heart

First Friday..... 7:00 a.m

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### PASTOR

Rev. Robert Kenfack Ngnintedem

### PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Kerly François

**Admin. Assistant:** Ms. Carmen A. White

**Parish Account.:** Ms. Penrose Gardiner

**Religious Ed. Director:** Ms. M. René

**Music Director:** Mr. Francis Callwood

### Sacristans

Ms. Francesca Alcendor      Ms. Silia Erilis  
Ms. Beulah Babulal      Mr. Austin Walters  
Mr. Julio Comperè

### Office Hours:

Mon – Fri: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m

### Mission Statement

The Church of the Holy Family exists to nurture and advance Christ's Eucharistic Unconditional Love to all, through love of God and Neighbor.

### Faith and Scripture

We are a Roman Catholic family united in the Grace and peace of Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, and we are a parish who believe and live the word of God as the truth that shepherds us.

### Family and Service

We believe family relationship is important and vow to do all we can to champion Christian family values.

### Worship and Sacrifice

We build the Kingdom of God's Love by proclaiming His Words, spreading Catholic Devotions, celebrating the Sacraments, and sharing the Eucharist; we surrender our lives to Christ as a sacrifice of praise, laying down our lives as He did.

### Summary

We promise to preach what we practice and practice what we preach:

"Love God and love your neighbor as yourself."

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FEBRUARY 19, 2023**

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## FEBRUARY 19, 2023

### MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, February 18**

6:00 PM – **Grace Mason** → In thanksgiving for God's continued blessings on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

**SUNDAY, February 19**

7:30 AM – **Victor Benoit** → Birthday blessings

– **Maria Placide-Joyeux** → Birthday blessings rb her father, Matthew Placide

10:00 AM – **Derrick & Sharon Davis** → Anniversary blessings & God's continued guidance

5:00 PM – **Vico Erilus & Mark Denis** → Birthday blessings rb Silia Erilis

**MONDAY, February 20**

7:00 AM – **Quiene & Henkell Alexander** → Birthday blessings rb the René family

**TUESDAY, February 21**

7:00 AM – **The Holy Face of Jesus** → rb Carolyn Peternel

**WEDNESDAY, February 22**

7:00 AM † **Josefina Donastorg** → Repose of Soul

**THURSDAY, February 23**

7:00 AM – **Tamzen Merchant** → Birthday blessings (belated) rb her mother & brother, Ryan

**FRIDAY, February 24**

7:00 AM – **Tamzen Merchant** → Birthday blessings (belated) rb her mother, Viola Merchant Willams

**SATURDAY, February 25**

6:00 PM – **Joel Clement Gifft** → Birthday blessings rb the Gifft family  
– **Fleur Richards** → Birthday blessings rb her mother, Urelco Jean Baptiste

### SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

**SUNDAY:**

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18

1 Cor 3:16-23

Mt 5:38-48

**MONDAY:**

Sir 1:1-10

Mk 9:14-29

**TUESDAY:**

Sir 2:1-11

Mk 9:30-37

**WEDNESDAY:**

*Ash Wednesday*

Jl 2:12-18

2 Cor 5:20—6:2

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**THURSDAY:**

Dt 30:15-20

Lk 9:22-25

**FRIDAY:**

Is 58:1-9a

Mt 9:14-1

**SATURDAY:**

Is 58:9b-14

Lk 5:27-32

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent*

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Rom 5:12-19

Mt 4:1-11

### PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

#### HOSPITAL:

**OFF ISLAND:** Philomen Baron, Enid Blyden, Helen Bruney, Maggie Dolphin, Eugenie England, Cyril Eugene, Bertina Lestrade, Mary Lewis.

**AT HOME:** Carol Baron, Rose Celestine, Baby Elizabeth Dolphin, John George, Rolland George, Meraldo C. Gonzales, Olivia Gumbs, Vernelle Gumbs, Gerard Henry, Mercedes Hodge, Cynthia Johnrose, Owen Johnrose, Pauline Jolly, Bernice Knight, Rita Ledee, Cleopha Rawlins, Veronica Sealey, Evelyn Simon, Keith Steele, Paquita Steele, Kathleen Thompson, Mildred Turbe, Iona Vanterpool,

**EBENEZER HOME:** Cleota Hill.

*(Please call the Church Office to add or remove names to/from this list)*

**Church Attendance:** 331 persons attended Holy Mass last weekend.

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's Collections

CHILDREN'S OFFERING: \$25.00

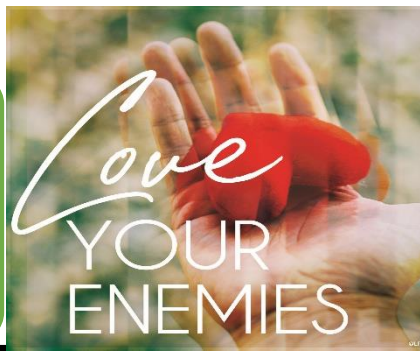
OFFERING: \$5,545.82

SECOND COLLECTION: \$2,692.00

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Thank you for your generosity!



### SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Black & Indian Mission ..... February 4-5

Bishop's Appeal ..... February 11-12

Property Insurance & Security .... Feb. 18-19

Restoration Fund ..... February 22

Operation Rice Bowl ..... February 22

Capital Improvements ..... February 25-26

# Announcements



## Seven Days Sanctuary Lamp Devotion

**The Sanctuary Lamp** which burns in the Sanctuary of our church, the reminder of the Lord's Presence in the Most Holy Eucharist, will burn from **February 18<sup>th</sup> to February 24<sup>th</sup>** for anniversary blessings on another year spent together with God's continued blessings and guidance for **Derrick and Sharon Davis**, requested by Derrick Davis.

**Altar Flowers:** Today's Altar flowers are sponsored by **Victor Benoit** for birthday blessings, and **Grace Mason** for 90<sup>th</sup> birthday blessings. Thank you for beautifying the church and may God continue to bless you.

**The 250th Jubilee Committee:** Jubilee T-shirts will be available for sale. Committee members will be available on the weekends of February 25/26 and March 4/5 to take orders. T-shirt prices are \$20.00 for sizes small to X-large and \$25.00 for sizes XX-large and up. Payment for the shirt is due at the time the order is placed. Please contact the church office for additional information.

**Non-Perishable Food Items:** Non-perishable food items will be collected **next weekend** at each Holy Mass following the church announcements. Proceeds will benefit Catholic Charities and shut-ins of our Parish. We thank you for your generosity.

**Office Closure:** The church office will be closed on **Monday, February 20, 2023**, in observance of Presidents' Day.

**Necrologium:** Holy Family Parish Community extends sincere sympathy to **Clarisa Battiste and family** on the passing of her husband, **Cyril Battiste Sr.**, who died on Thursday, January 29, 2023 at the age of 79 in St. Thomas. His funeral service will take place on **Friday, February 24, 2023** at Holy Family Church at 10:00 A.M. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Holy Family Parish Community extends sincere sympathy to **Jennifer Xavier and family** on the passing of her mother, **Anna John**, who died on Thursday, February 2, 2023 at the age of 80 in Dominica. Her funeral service will take place on **Friday, February 24, 2023** at La Plaine Catholic Church in Dominica at 2:00 P.M. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

**Church announcements must be submitted to the Church Office via email by Tuesday.**

# Parish Information

## Sacrament of Baptism

Fourth Sunday of each month. Please register your children at the Church Office. Present a copy of the child(ren)'s birth certificate(s). A minimum of 4 classes is required.

## Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) Classes

Classes are held every Saturday during the school year and begin with attendance and instruction in the lower level of Columban Hall at 9:00 a.m.

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Classes

RCIA is the journey of faith by which interested persons become members of the Roman Catholic Church. The program instructs adults to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church through Baptism and/or Confirmation and Holy Communion. To register, please call the church office at (340) 775-1650.

## Sacrament of Penance

Confession is the sacrament that allows us to admit our faults and develop humility, but the most profound part is we get to experience Christ's gift of mercy. **Confession is available every day by appointment.**

## Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Please call the church office at (340) 775-1650 whenever a family member or friend is seriously ill or hospitalized.

## Funerals

All funeral services begin at 10:00 a.m. No funerals are held on weekends. Arrangements must be made with the Church before funeral arrangements with the funeral home. Viewing in church is now available. However, we encourage viewing at funeral home.

## Sacrament of Marriage

Please make arrangements with Pastor 6 months before your wedding by calling the church office.

## Parish Registration

Parishioners who are 18 years and older are invited to register at the Church Office as well as become active and contributing members. We would like to maintain an up-to-date listing of all Holy Family parishioners. Registration also helps in providing quick services for the request and proof of miscellaneous church letters for individuals, Baptism, Confirmation, etc.



# FROM THE Pastor's Desk

## My Dear Parishioners,

The last two antitheses offered in the Sermon on the Mount deal with love of enemies. We should not look at "an eye for an eye" as an inordinately strict punishment. It is actually meant to limit acts of revenge by making sure the punishment is not excessive but fits the crime. However, Jesus asks his followers to take a different approach by resisting retaliation altogether. The response to a stronger person who slaps us on the cheek, takes us to court, or demands a service of us is not to resist. Similarly, for a weaker person, such as a beggar or borrower, we are to give him or her what he or she asks for. Those who are called to the Kingdom of Heaven are to go beyond the way the world usually works and serve God's kingdom here on earth.

The other difficult demand of those who are called to the kingdom is to embrace the enemy. There is no command in the Old Testament to hate individuals in a personal or vindictive way. But there is a religious stance that calls one to hate evil and to distance oneself from those who participate in evil. In contrast, Matthew emphasizes that love of God and love of neighbor are the fundamental commands on which all else depend.

Because God's love is unconditional, we are to strive to love as God does, though, of course, it is challenging. Is it even possible?

The key is in the final verse. We are to be perfect as our heavenly father is perfect. Matthew uses the Greek word telos, which is probably better translated here as "complete." We are not to be perfect as in doing everything correctly, that is, as in being absolutely morally correct. We are to be perfect as in striving to reach the completeness we are called to in the Kingdom of Heaven. Attempting to love our enemies is part of striving for that completeness.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me.  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me.  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me.  
Within Thy sacred wounds hide me. From the wicked enemy defend me.  
In the hour of my death call me and bid me come to Thee that with Thy  
Saints I may praise Thee forever and ever. **Amen.**

### Prayer of St. Francis

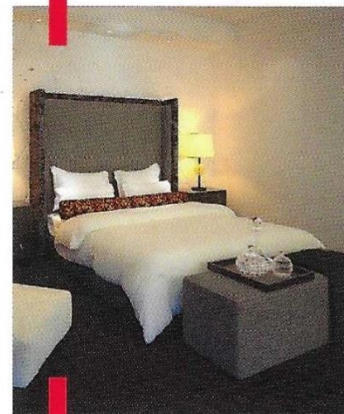
Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace,  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love, Where there is injury, pardon,  
Where there is doubt, faith, Where there is despair, hope,  
Where there is darkness, light, Where there is sadness, joy.  
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to  
Console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

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